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The Owatonna Police Department is dedicated to providing a safe and secure community through partnerships, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Policing excellence through our People, our Work, and our Relationships

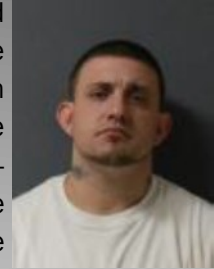
Just the Facts

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Stolen Vehicle Recovery—

Early Sunday morning, an Owatonna patrol officer stopped a vehicle for a lighting equipment violation. Due to the vehicle bearing Minnesota dealer plates, the officer ran the vehicle identification number and learned the vehicle was stolen from Owatonna. During a search of the vehicle, a backpack was located that contained a cell phone and methamphetamine. On the cell phone was an image of the driver. The driver of the vehicle, Jonathan Miller, age 32 of Waseca, was arrested and jailed. Miller has been charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and Driving After Revocation. This stolen vehicle case remains under investigation; the vehicle was reported stolen in connection to a burglary that took place at Seykora Automotive on December 7th.



Jonathan Miller

Community Partnership—

Samantha Hiller and the Sunshine Club partnered with Chief Hiller at the Owatonna Police Department and Andi Arnold at the Steele County Safe and Drug Free Coalition. The goal—fill kids with joy and happiness! On Saturday, December 12th, they dropped off over 100 gifts at Trinity Lutheran Church for Toys for Tots. It will help in supporting 500 families this holiday season.



Department News—

Today, we will be saying good-bye to Officer Nathan Heeren who will be leaving the department to take a similar position with another law enforcement agency. Originally hired as a community service officer, Nathan has been with the OPD since 2017. Since becoming a police officer in 2018, Nathan served as a patrol officer and as a certified phlebotomist and child passenger safety technician for the department. We wish Nathan the best of luck in the next phase of his law enforcement career. With Nathan's departure, we have opened a hiring cycle to replace him. If you or someone you know are interested, please click [here](#) for more information.

Another Stolen Vehicle Recovery—

On Monday afternoon, a 2003 black Chevrolet Malibu, stolen from the city of Coon Rapids, was located in the parking lot of the Executive Inn in Owatonna, 745 State Avenue. The Owatonna Police Department is seeking to speak with the two individuals posted in this story. Anyone with information on the identity of these two individuals is encouraged to contact the Detective Bureau of the Owatonna Police Department at 507-774-7207.



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